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16 December 1960

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am transmitting herewith to you and to the other Principals the report of the Joint Study Group on the Foreign Intelligence Activities of the United States Government submitted to me on December 15.

You will recall that in accordance with the Terms of Reference (quoted in the Report) the Group was to present its report to me by December 15, 1960, for consideration by you and the other Principals and that action on the report remains the individual responsibility of the Principals.

The Terms of Reference further provide that the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities will review the report. As you may know the President's Board plans to meet on January 4 and 5, 1961. Therefore I suggest that after you have had an opportunity to review the report we convene an early meeting of the Principals.

While I am anxious that the report of the Joint Study Group be seen by those who have a "need to know", I would call to your attention the extreme sensitivity of the information contained therein.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

The Honorable  
Thomas S. Gates  
The Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C.

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